

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

In olden times New Year's Day was celebrated in March or April instead of January 1st, and the Druid priests of Old England, carrying golden sickles, went in procession to cut the sacred mistletoe on the last night of the old year. The next morning the mistletoe for the New Year was distributed among the people, who each and all wore a little spray with leaves and berries as an amulet against the dangers of battle.

The mind of the "eternal feminine" turns with more interest to the England of Queen Elizabeth's day, when she and her ladies looked forward with happy anticipations to the arrival of New Year's Day, because at that time their wardrobes were renewed, their purses filled and their jewel caskets replenished. New Year's gifts came to the Queen from the bishops and peers down to the humblest of her scullery maids and consisted of gold, jewels, clothes, pots of orange and ginger, flowers, sweet water and, in fact, every conceivable variety of article useful and ornamental. Elizabeth, in making returns for these numerous gifts, always took care to leave the balance in her own favor.

One of the pretty old New Year customs that has survived to the present day is that of the whole family going together to the door of their home, and throwing it open on the stroke of midnight to welcome the New Year across its threshold and wish each other good luck for the coming twelve months. Another quaint superstition is that holly and Christmas decorations should be allowed to remain in place throughout the house until Twelfth-night, January 6th. After that they should be scrupulously removed, for every leaf of holly left turns to a malicious imp and brings bad luck to the careless housekeeper.

New Year customs are especially picturesque among the Belgians. In Belgium the feast of the winter solstice is called Kulinda, and, like the Scotch Hallowe'en, the celebration is deemed appropriate for the introduction of all kinds of rites by girls who seek information as to their future husbands. To every verse of song, sung by the Belgians during this festive period, is added the refrain, "Hoy, Kulinda, Mox Kulinda!" Year after year, as demons are supposed to be especially alert and powerful at this season, the Belgians feel forced to take every precaution against their malevolence. A log of wood is left in every cart and water in every picher in order to prevent any demon taking possession of them and by his presence rendering them too heavy to lift or to draw.

Among the mountain people of Albania, fire ceremonies play a great part in the celebration of New Year observances. On the eve of St. Basil, or January 1st, the fire is kept burning all night and the half-burned brand is put carefully aside to be kept for the lighting of the year to follow.

In Japan, a thousand years ago, the New Year's gift was a salted salmon tied with the national colors, red and white, and bearing a congratulatory inscription. In remembrance of this ancient custom, all modern New Year's gifts are tied with red and white cord, and have a bit of fish tucked beneath the cord. Upon each gift is written a single character, which looks like an interrogation point. It is called the "noshi," and conveys good wishes and felicitations. The Japanese honor the day by donning new clothing and entertaining in their flower-decked homes.

The Scotch greet New Year with a festival called "Hogmanay," the name of which is derived from the ancient New Year greeting, "Au gu menez," which means, "To the mistletoe, go!" The children in Scotland prepare for "Hogmanay" weeks beforehand, by memorizing songs and making costumes. For this occasion the housewives lay in a stock of oat cakes and "brides," which they hand out to the children, who disguised as mummies, come singing to their doors to claim "Hogmanay."

On New Year's Day children of the Wallachs and trans-Danubian Roumanians take olive branches and go from house to house to compliment the neighbors with their good wishes. Their calls are not altogether disinterested, as they expect to receive some little present in return. On the second day of the year, every stranger entering a house is required to throw six quantities of salt on the fire from cups standing ready on the table. He must then go to the henhouse and place an egg in the nest for the hen to sit on. If the fowl consents to perform her duty, thus indicated, the guest is considered a fortunate person and feted accordingly. This custom is called "the lucky foot."

The Week Just Past.

Christmas week is very gay in retrospect. The lovely weather gave holiday shoppers an unusually excellent opportunity to make the most of their final opportunities and rendered Christmas Eve around the gift-laden tree, a happy season indeed for young and old.

Christmas Day, with its blue skies overhead and its balmy atmosphere, tempted society abroad during forenoon and afternoon hours. Entertaining outside of home circles is a thing that Richmond and Virginia people rarely contemplate. Governor and Mrs. Swanson set the pace at the Executive Mansion this year, where they were quickly happy with family and intimate friends to share their Christmas dinner, and drop in during the evening to exchange the compliments of the season.

Thursday evening, December 26th, the opening and Christmas dance of the Tuesday German was attended by the debutantes, belles and beaux of smart society, and led by Mr. Thomas Pinckney Bryan. A Christmas tree, bearing brilliantly-colored favors, furnished inspiration for a figure, the beauty of which was only surpassed by one in which the debutantes and their escorts participated, and the girls received long-stemmed American Beauty roses as favors.

Friday evening all the young world of society was pleased to enjoy the German given by Mrs. E. M. Hoadley, of Monument Avenue, to her house guest, Miss Mary Hoadley Scarborough, of New York. The dance and the supper which followed it formed one of the handsomest entertainments during the holiday month. Mrs. Garrett B. Wall, Mrs. Hoadley's sister, and one of the most admired young matrons in Richmond, assisted in doing the honors of Friday evening.

Yesterday there was the meet of the Deep Run Hunt, the reception at the club afterward, and the Christmas entertainment at Hermitage Golf Club from 5 to 7 P. M., to occupy the time and thoughts of the smart set.

The Week to Come.

The presence in Richmond of so many young people, spending their Christmas vacations with their parents and friends, renders the outlook for the week to come most attractive. The Monday German is to open the week's calendar with its holiday dance, which is always attended with something novel in the way of a Christmas or New Year's surprise, and with a supper that reflects the season's abundant spirit of good cheer.

Miss Mary Saunders, who is at home

from Sweet Briar Institute with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Jr., of No. 64 West Franklin Street, and who has as her guest Miss Cornelia Burton, daughter of Bishop Burton, of Lexington, Ky., will give a tea on Wednesday, January 1st, from 5 to 7 P. M., in honor of Miss Burton. The next evening, January 3d, at the Hermitage Golf Club, Miss Saunders will be the hostess of an attractive dance that will prove a great source of enjoyment to her friends among the young girls and boys of her set in the city.

Everything indeed that can be done is being done for the youth of the city during their respite from class duties, and from now until the hour of their return comes interest will center around the luncheons, teas and dances that have been arranged for the benefit of these Richmond boys and girls, whom every one desires to honor.

St. John's Circle to Meet.

St. John's Circle of King's Daughters will meet at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon with Miss Nellie Paxton, of the Home for Incurables. Every member of the circle is asked to be present.

Christmas German at Ashland.

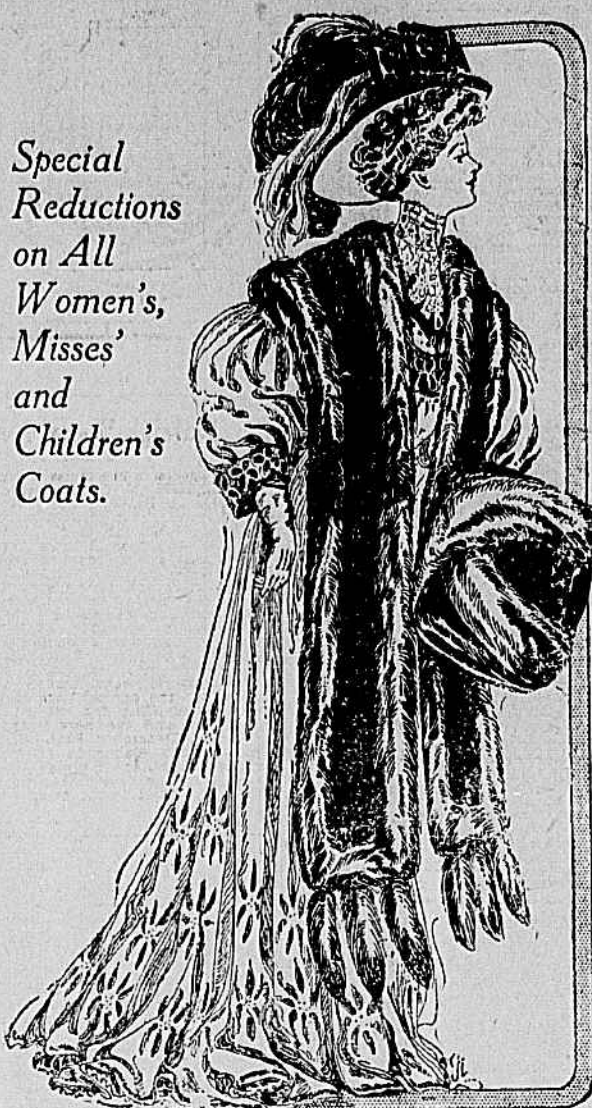
The Christmas German of the Ashland German Club was held at the Auditorium on Thursday night, and was a great success in every respect. To the strains of inspiring music Messrs. Frank H. Cox and Drewry Kerr led the dancers through many beautiful and intricate figures.

Among those dancing were Mr. F. H. Cox, with Miss Rosengren, of Richmond; Mr. H. D. Kerr, with Miss Amelia Kerr; Mr. Robert Kerr, with Miss Montgomery, of Fredericksburg; Mr. Elliott Jordan, with Miss Augusta Nixon; Mr. C. M. Bridges, with Miss Elsie Prosser; Dr. James Hart, with Miss Brown; Mr. Walter Baldwin, with Miss Louise Rice; Mr. Richard Carr, with Miss Annie Macon Potts; Mr. Leitch Wright, with Miss Marion Montague, of Richmond; Mr. Walter Harrison, with Miss Mary Hawes Tyler, of Gwyneth; Mr. Miller Leake, with Miss Segar, of Spotsylvania; Mr. Ralph Middleton, with Miss Ann Hunter; Mr. Charles Pendleton, with Miss May Baldwin; Mr. W. L. Fox, with Miss Hallie Vaughan; Mr. Seldon Taylor, with Miss Cooke; Mr. Meade Loving, with Miss Egerton, of Petersburg; Mr. George Hays, with Miss Min Hays; Mr. Clarence Carter, with Miss Binkley, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. John Addison, Mr. and Mrs. B. Morgan Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. E. A.

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Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. R. H. Wright, of Doswell, and others.

Stages included Messrs. Walter Snyder, Jr., Percy Hall, Charles Cheney, Paul Blincoe, John Addison, Jr., Dr. Woods Jordan, Clyde West, Colonel L. T. W. Mayne, G. Frank Vaughan, John Vaughan, Robert Hunter, Eugene Hartsook and Weldon C. Blanton.

Chaperons were Mesdames Charles E. Potts, James Cheney, Harvey Ladew and Anna S. Kerr.

At Woman's Club.

The program on Monday afternoon, December 30th, at Woman's Club will be devoted to art. The art committee, of which Miss Whitfield is chairman, has secured Miss Sarah R. Bryant, of New York City, to speak to the club on the subject "The Appreciation of Harmonious Color and the Decoration of the Home."

At present Miss Bryant is instructor of advanced classes in applied design in Manhattan Trade School, New York; instructor in the Newark Evening Drawing School and Commonwealth

School of Art and Industry, this last being a summer school of art and industry at Boothbay Harbor, under the direction of Mr. A. G. Randall, of Providence, R. I.

For five years Miss Bryant had charge of the Philadelphia School of Design for Women, of the class in historic ornament and theory of design with application to various industries—stained glass, interior decoration, book covers, embroidery and others interested in design and color work.

On Monday Miss Bryant will talk along her favorite lines of work—design and color—and will demonstrate each step of the way from concept to drawing a design on a blackboard, to applying the same upon a portiere or table cover, as a sketch, or upon dress material for embroidery.

Miss Bryant's stentail work is especially fascinating, and she will bring with her a number of portieres, curtains and draperies to illustrate this most popular and attractive form of art work.

Hostesses of the club for Monday afternoon will be Miss Elizabeth Patterson, Miss Nellie Williams, Miss Rosalie Fontaine Jones, Miss May Moore, Mrs. George Wayne Anderson, Miss Anne W. Archer, Mrs. Jackson Guy, Mrs. Dallas Flannagan and Mrs. Chiles Ferrell.

Bendles—Neaglesman.

The wedding of Miss Lily Neaglesman, daughter of Mr. J. Neaglesman, to Mr. Ernest Bendles, of Highland Springs, was quietly celebrated in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. H. B. Taylor, of No. 2104 East Broad Street, at 10 A. M., December 25th, the Rev. G. Oils Mead, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, officiating.

The bride wore a brown tailored costume with hat and gloves to match. The holidays will be spent by Mr. and Mrs. Bendles at Ellersson's, Va. Afterward they will live at Highland Springs.

Unique Program.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myslik, of Innsbruck, Tyrol, presented the following unique and interesting program at the Woman's Club last Monday at

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Tight-Fitting Suit of gray striped broadcloth, 27 inch, buttoned through jacket, silk lined, panel plaited skirt, fold above hem; suit that sold for \$27.50. Now \$17.50

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Dressy Cape of pink chiffon broadcloth, tastily trimmed in white, Heracles braid and also brooch ornaments; former price \$15. Now \$32.50

Princess Gown of black messaline, yoke and sleeves of black fillet net and stitched bands of silk; lower part of dress has two wide folds; former price \$60. Now \$38.50

Imported Gown of brown marquisette, mounted on pompadour silk; waist elaborately trimmed in net, shiny lace and silk soutache; former price \$75. Now \$48.50

After-Christmas Reductions.

Greatly reduced prices on every article of Christmas wares. For parties who have had money given them to choose for themselves this is an opportunity to make it go two and three times as far as it did before Xmas. To those who "forgot," the sting of forgetfulness can be alleviated by looking through our various departments. All economical buyers are invited to be present to-morrow.

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\$9.00 Chocolate Sets of 12 pieces, reduced to.....\$5.98
\$5.00 Chocolate Sets of 12 pieces, reduced to.....\$4.98

35c Glass Ash Trays, reduced to15c
\$1.25 Teddy Rabbits, reduced to65c
10c Powder Puffs, reduced to5c
45c Pipe Racks, reduced to25c
\$1.00 Pipe Racks, reduced to62c

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These reductions are all the more noteworthy because a great many of the furs concerned are from a special-purchase stock involved in a recent sale. The sale price THEN was a full third less than usual. Now big reductions, taking in, as well, splendid Neck Pieces, Muffs and Fur Coats from our regular stocks.

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Japanese Mink Pillow Muffs, beautifully blended; special prices, \$9.50, \$12.00, \$13.50 and \$18.00

Blend Squirrel Sets, pillow muffs and throw scarfs; this set has been sold earlier in the season at \$20.00, now \$16.50
Sable Fox Muffs, extra large size; regular value \$15.00, now \$12.00

noon, charming a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Myslik is a thorough musician, with a rich, full and sympathetic voice, and seems equally at home on all string instruments. He was at his best in the Tyrolean airs, which seem particularly adapted to the quaint instruments of the country. Mrs. Myslik proved a successful accompanist on the guitar.

The program embraced a "Transcription Hongroise," by C. Umlauf, rendered on the mandolin and guitar; Jungmann's "Helmweh," on the bow-zither and guitar; a Tyrolean song, "Auf der Alm da Gib's Kon Sued," by C. Umlauf; a zither solo; M. Durand's "Songe d'Amour" on the banjo and guitar; "Almfrieden," a Tyrolean song; G. Borjes's "Vergissme-nicht Laender" on the violin and guitar; "Kohlreiserl," by C. Schrumm, on the viola d'amour, and one of J. K. Emmet's lullabies, sung by Mr. Myslik.

In Cathedral Hall.

A concert will be given in Cathedral Hall, Monday night at 8:15 o'clock, and a Tuesday matinee at 2:30 P. M., by the vocal class of St. Joseph's Academy for the benefit of the repair fund of St. Peter's Church.

Miss Nina Randolph, class director, will be the accompanist at these entertainments. An excellent program has been arranged, promising much pleasure to all who attend.

Class Meeting.

The December class meeting of the vocal pupils of Miss Effie Aylett Cofer took place Saturday, the 21st, in her studio, No. 203 East Franklin Street. The program was given by the advanced pupils, and those taking part were Misses Wright, Childers, Burke, Tompkins, Divers, Jennings, Welgier, Phaup, Steinlein, Manning and Gester.

Pupils' Recital.

Invited guests were present at the December musicale given by some of the pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolling. Selections were given from Wagner, Liszt, Chopin, Hugo Reinhold, Ritter, Schytte, Chamade, Paderewski, Karganoff, Moszkowski, Kullak, Kohler, and other composers. Pupils who played were Misses Richardson, Flannagan, W. Harris, Lynn, Haynes, Quisenberry, Clenden, R. Harris, Hinchman, Nachman, Brauer, Mitchell and Toome; Mr. Blinford King and Master Bolling.

Enthusiastic Puller.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reuben Puller have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Hattie Floyd, to Mr. Percy Hampton Eubank, the ceremony to be performed at 5 P. M., January 7th, in the home of the bride's parents, No. 1805 Hanover Avenue, this city.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will be held in the rooms of the Virginia Historical Society January 4th, at 8 P. M.

Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Taylor, of New Britain, Conn., are visiting Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harvey Clarke, at No. 17 East Grace Street.

Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Jr., is visiting

her son, Mr. E. A. Saunders, Jr., at his home, No. 604 West Franklin Street. Mr. and Mrs. Armistead Borland and children, of Norfolk, Va., are guests of Mrs. Borland's mother, Mrs. William W. Myers, of No. 522 West Grace Street, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Sadie Reinhardt, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Reinhardt, on West Grace Street.

Mrs. James R. V. Daniel, Mr. Robert Williams Daniel, Mr. Channing Daniel and Master James Daniel are spending Christmas in Wytheville, Va.

Miss Estelle de Saussure is visiting friends in Danville, Va.

Mrs. Leo Balmer is with Miss Lucy Temple, at No. 341 West Grace Street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boykin, of Norfolk, Va., who have been visiting Mrs. Boykin's mother, Mrs. William A. Neal, at No. 406 North Tenth Street, for the past week, left Saturday morning to spend several weeks in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarthy are spending the winter at Los Angeles, Cal.

Miss Sara Cummins celebrated her seventh birthday at her home, No. 521 North Seventh Street, by entertaining a number of her little friends at a birthday party on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hayes, who have been out of town for about eight months, have returned home.

Miss Mary Stuart Robertson, of Staunton, Va., is visiting Mrs. Hunter McGuire, in this city.

Miss Ellen Gulgon is spending the holidays with relatives in Staunton.

Miss Edith Hayes has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. McCullough, of Norfolk.

Mrs. John Fulton, who has been

spending some time in Richmond, is now with relatives in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keller and Master John Keller, of East St. Louis, are spending some weeks in Richmond and Newport News.

Mr. E. J. Warren and Miss Laura Warren have returned from a visit to Mrs. Thomas D. Ransom, of Staunton.

President George W. Stevens and family spent Christmas at their country home, Virginia Manor, near Lexington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Miller have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frazier at Lewisburg, W. Va. Mrs. Miller is pleasantly recalled in Richmond as Miss Gladys Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Meredith, of Hinton, W. Va., are spending their honeymoon in Richmond and at Old Point.

Mr. Kenneth S. Patton, of Johns Hopkins University, is visiting his parents in Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pegram are guests of Mrs. Pegram's parents, Colonel and Mrs. Harry Hodges, of Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. H. E. Graves and Misses Reva Willis and Helen Enfield, her daughters, of Lynchburg, Va., are guests of friends and relatives in Richmond.

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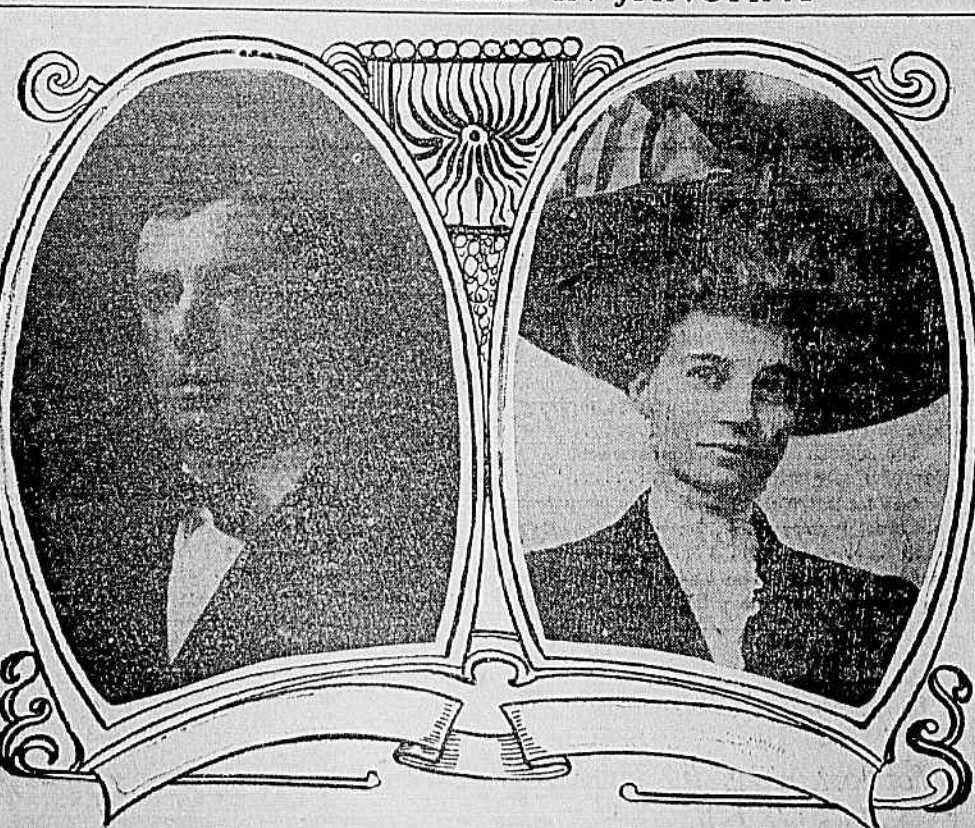
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The engagement of Miss Conrad to Mr. Williams has been recently announced, and their wedding will be a fashionable event of the January season in Danville. Miss Conrad is a daughter of the late Charles H. Conrad and a niece of Mr. Parker Conrad and Mrs. Hutcheson, of this city. She is a very charming young girl, and her announcement has been